

LONDON RED CROSS LIBRARY SHIPS THOUSANDS OF BOOKS

(Correspondence Associated Press)
LONDON, July—Opposite Marble Arch stands the home of Lady Battersby, which in pre-war days was the center of social activity. Now it is the headquarters of the Red Cross library and is run by Mrs. Gaskell and an army of voluntary assistants. The house is packed with books from floor to ceiling, they cover the walls, are piled up on tables and shelves, overflow into the servants' quarters and even into the stables at the back of the house. Nearly 50,000 books a week are

sent out to all parts of the world, and, in addition to gifts, 100,000 books and magazines are purchased monthly. The tastes of the soldiers are remarkable, and an amazing light has been thrown on the matter of best sellers. Far away into the millions soars the demand for Nick Carter detective stories.

Every hospital in France, of which there are some 290, receives a parcel of 150 books every three weeks. Poetry is very largely in demand and ranges from Shakespeare to modern living poets. The colonial soldier has an insatiable

curiosity and his chief demand is for the Encyclopaedia Britannica in 40 volumes. No demand is refused whether it be for the latest hand book on oil engines, theosophy, poultry farming or boxing. These parcels of books, go forth to all parts of the world wherever the British soldier is fighting. Malta received 7,000 per month, Basrah 9,000, Alexandria 3,000, Salonika 2,000 and even units in East Africa, Italy and Russia are supplied. The admiralty requested the library to supply every sailor in the fleets with a book.

ACCURACY OF ARTILLERY FIRE SHOWN BY BARRAGE EFFICIENCY

(By Associated Press.)
BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Aug. 18.—German troops last night made a determined attempt to recover a small section of ground taken by the Canadians yesterday afternoon northeast of Lens, but three successive counterattacks were driven off with heavy losses to the enemy.

The first counter attack on the Canadian center made in the early evening was an absolute failure. About nine o'clock the Germans again surged forward and succeeded in pushing back advanced posts, but the Canadians subsequently moved forward and re-occupied the positions. Again the Germans came back but they were repulsed and appeared to be satisfied to let matters remain as they were for the time being.

On the north of the salient the Germans put down a heavy barrage last night and gave indications of a counter attack, but the British artillery replied with such a quick and effective barrage that no infantry action followed.

The same thing happened east and southeast of Monchy early this morning.

The Westhoek and Frezenberg ridge sections which had been such hard fighting, were heavily shelled by the Germans throughout the night. The British and French were proceeding satisfactorily with the consolidation of their new positions all along the front.

Evidence continues to multiply from both the prisoners and British officers of the wonderful efficiency of the British barrage fire yesterday morning on the north end of the British line where the advance was so successful.

The correspondent visited the casualty-clearing station for the Langemark region and talked with a British artillery observation officer who was wounded in the fighting near Langemark. He said:

"I have seen much modern artillery work but frankly I never dreamed there could be such perfection achieved in a barrage fire as we accomplished Thursday morning. I was stationed in an advance post where I could see the full effects of our fire on the Langemark region. While I directed the firing of the guns in the rear, I was amazed to see what our guns could not see.

"At the jumping-off hour, which was 4:45 o'clock, the British batteries dropped a barrage in front of our infantry for the advance. It was as though a solid curtain of steel had been dropped before our men. It moved forward with the mechanical precision of clockwork. All our guns broke out with such a hurricane of fire that I was stunned with the effect.

"I tried to say something to a companion standing beside me, but could not make him hear my loudest shouts, so deafening was the thunder from the breaking shells. The barrage moved forward with such accuracy that our infantry was able to keep quite close to it without danger, for there was no wavering of the barrage line. Straight on over Langemark and the surrounding region passed the barrage, with the infantry trailing. It was not more than thirty minutes from the start before we were in the town itself. It was eight o'clock when our gunfire finally rested on German positions far to the rear, and there they continued to hammer away while the fighting went on about Langemark.

"The Germans undoubtedly were expecting our attack, for their counter barrage was dropped back of our lines almost as soon as our advance began. I could observe the whole thing, and there is absolutely no doubt of the tremendous superiority of our artillery work and the preponderance of our guns. The German counter battery work was nil but on the other hand our batteries were doing excellent execution against the enemy guns, which was indicated by the diminution of their firing as the battle progressed. As early as six o'clock I saw one big German gun being hastily removed from the height north of Langemark and rushed to a position further back. I know other guns were pulled back to emplacements in the rear.

"No worse ground for an advance Application No. 4536.

Notice of Application for Permission to appropriate the Public Waters of the State of Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of August, 1917, in accordance with Section 53, Chapter 140, of the Statutes of 1913, one Orville Knight Reed, of Goldfield, County of Esmeralda, and State of Nevada, made application to the State Engineer of Nevada for permission to appropriate the public waters of the State of Nevada. Such appropriation is to be made from Haws Creek and unnamed springs, in NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Sec. 2, T. 1, N. 49 E. M. D. B. & M., by means of a dam, and 12 cubic feet per second is to be conveyed to NW 1/4, Sec. 35, W. 4 SW 1/4, Sec. 24, SE 1/4, Sec. 34, T. 2 N., R. 49 E., NE 1/4, NW 1/4, N. 4 NE 1/4, Sec. 3, NW 1/4, Sec. 2, T. 1, N. 49 E. M. D. B. & M., by means of ditches, flumes and canals, and there used for irrigation and domestic purposes, from April 15th until October 31st of each year. Water not to be returned to stream. Date of first publication, Aug. 4, 1917.

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OXMAN'S TRIAL COMES SOON IN THE PARADE BOMB CARES

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—Frank C. Oxman's trial will be the next sensation in the Mooney case. Oxman is a cattleman of Durkee, Ore., who was arrested at his home last April after F. E. Rigall, of Grayville, Ill., told the police here that Oxman sought to induce him to give false testimony against Thos. J. Mooney, who is under sentence of death for murder growing out of bomb explosion in San Francisco July 22, 1916, which killed ten persons. The warrant, charging subornation of perjury, was sworn to by Attorney Edwin McKenzie, one of the counsel for Mrs. Rena Mooney, recently acquitted of one of nine indictments for murder resulting from the explosion. She is the wife of Thomas J. Mooney. Oxman testified at the T. J. Mooney trial that he had seen Mooney and three of the defendants in the bomb murder cases at the scene of the explosion shortly before it occurred. His testimony, fitted perfectly the theory of the prosecution. In published statements jurors in the case declared that Oxman's testimony was most vital and that the verdict was based largely on his statements.

Rigall charged in police court that Oxman, whom he had known years ago, wrote him several letters asking him to come to San Francisco and testify, although he charged, Oxman knew Rigall was not in California on the day of the tragedy. Rigall said "Oxman offered to coach me in the testimony. I was to give and promised me a substantial reward." A grand jury investigation produced no action

opened. The situation was not without humor and for all I know it remains the same, but sooner or later the Germans must give in. "There was heavy hand to hand fighting before Langemark, amid the concrete defenses, but we had no trouble when once inside. Our infantry tell me that once our barrage had passed over the ground they had little trouble with the German infantry.

I know the German losses due to our gunfire were very heavy. I hate to think of the loss of life inflicted, but it is one of the penalties of war. It is either them or the allies."

The Kaiser "sees victory," and Lloyd George sees it, and Uncle Sam sees it. Everybody "seeing throw explosives when the door

against Oxman and warrant against him was soon sworn out.

Immediately after his arrest Oxman declared his innocence, employed counsel and despite a legal fight which began in police court and which went to the supreme court on habeas corpus proceedings, he was held to answer to the superior court and was released on bail. In the light of Rigall's charges and the letters he produced, which Oxman admitted having written, Superior Judge Franklin A. Griffin, who tried and sentenced Mooney, asked the state to grant Thomas J.

Mooney a new trial. In pursuance of this request Attorney General H. S. Webb of California recently filed in the supreme court consent to a new trial, as Mooney's appeal from the conviction was pending in the court. The court has not yet formally acted on the case.

Oxman was not called against Mrs. Mooney, Assistant District Attorney Louis Ferrari declaring "Oxman's testimony, in the light of the charge against him, might cloud the verdict." At the same time Ferrari expressed confidence in Oxman's integrity.

DESIGNATING MEN IN ALL BRANCHES

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—A system of numerical designations has been worked out under which any division numbered below 26 will be regulars; between 26 and 75, national guard and 76 and above national army. Regular infantry brigades will be numbered from one to fifty inclusive; national guard from 51 to 151, and national army from 151 up.

Regular regiments will be numbered from one to 100, national guard from 101 to 300 and national army from 301 up.

Assignment of brigade, regimental or other numerical designation will be in accordance with the numerical order of divisions, with the result that any person familiar with the system will know that the 335th infantry, for instance, is attached to the 167th brigade of the 84th infantry division and that it is composed of national army troops while the 300th infantry regiment, by the same process, would be in the 150th brigade and the 75th division, composed of national guards.

The department today approved collar insignia to designate the U. S. monogram. National guardsmen will wear a similar monogram with the initials "N. C." superimposed and national army men will have the initials "N. A." superimposed on the U. S.

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